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THE FIRST GUN.

The Prohibitionists of Barber County Are the First to Nominate a County Ticket.

Representative—L. V. Wright, Moore twp.
Sheriff—Chas. Barkley, Kiowa.
Co. Attorney—Rev. C. Fisher, Moore twp.
Probate Judge—Wm. L. Coryell, Med. Lodge.
Co. Clerk—Rev. A. C. Brown, Sharon twp.
Dist. Clerk—J. A. Shamberger, Mingona twp.
Treasurer—R. L. Barnstable, Valley twp.
Register—Miss Helen Wright, Med. Lodge.
Co. Supt.—Miss Bernice Woodward.
Surveyor—O. C. Pepon, Mingona twp.
Coroner—Dr. F. S. Atwell, Sharon twp.
Com. 2nd dist.—C. R. Wiley, Moore twp.

State Senator, 37th district—G. M. Martin, Medicine Lodge.

The prohibition party of Barber county and the 37th senatorial district did business in mass convention in this city last Friday with the result above noted. Eighteen were present in the convention with Medicine Lodge, Sharon, Valley, Mingona and Moore townships represented. The same number attended both the county and the senatorial conventions. There are eight counties in this senatorial district but none of them save Barber seemed to be interested in nominating a prohibition candidate for senator.

The county ticket is complete with the exception that no candidate has been nominated for commissioner of the 3rd district. The central committee will attend to that matter provided an avowed prohibitionist can be identified in the west end.

The convention was organized by the election of Rev. J. H. Shamberger of Mingona township chairman and Dr. R. B. Hammond of Medicine Lodge, secretary.

The following delegates to the state convention to be held at Emporia May 10th were chosen:

Wm. Palmer, Moses Wright, Wm. L. Coryell, Dr. F. S. Atwell, R. L. Barnstable, O. C. Pepon, G. M. Martin and Rev. J. H. Shamberger.

A committee consisting of G. M. Martin, Ed. Price, Rev. C. B. Sherk, R. L. Barnstable and Moses Wright was appointed to recommend names of candidates to the convention. Their report was as the ticket above printed appears, with the exception that Charles Rumsey of Kiowa was recommended for county attorney. An objection was urged that Mr. Rumsey would soon leave for California and Rev. Fisher's name was substituted. In the convention G. M. Martin stated that Rev. Fisher is no lawyer but that the other parties had established a precedent of nominating men for that office who were not lawyers and he knew of no reason why the prohibitionists could not also do so. This remark was received with laughter and applause.

The committee on resolutions consisted of W. L. Coryell, I. V. Wright and O. C. Pepon. They reported as follows:

1st. We believe in government and the author of government—the God of the Universe who has repeatedly said "Thou Shalt Not."

2nd. We believe in the necessity for a prohibition party.

3rd. We believe in the platform of our state and national organization.

Therefore, Resolved:—That we unite our forces in building up our party every way in our power—that we do all in our power to increase our vote in the coming election; that we, as in the past, stand by our nominees and give them loyal support in every way.

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

Whereas, we are often, from experience as well as observation, forced to admit that all men are not alike; that at times the contrast is so great we are forced to pity on the one hand and praise on the other. But it is not the object of these lines to express pity but to praise.

Not having a printing press of our own, we are obliged to ask favors of others in calling our conventions, and the kind and courteous treatment we have always received from many of the editors and Barber county printers call forth our admiration and our wishes that we might in some way reciprocate.

Now, therefore resolved, that we, as prohibitionists, will think kindly of such papers as publish our calls and see to it that they make weekly visits to our homes.

Following the adoption of these resolutions, a vote of thanks was tendered the papers that accommodated the party. Some of the delegates wanted to name the papers but the chairman interposed a strenuous objection. He did not state his reasons.

W. L. Coryell was elected chairman of the county committee and Dr. R. B. Hammond secretary.

RAILROAD SURVEYING BEGUN.

The survey for the new railroad to bisect Barber county diagonally from northwest to southeast began last week under the direction of J. A. McPhee, civil engineer, of Anthony. The survey between Medicine Lodge to Lake City is the first territory. From Lake to Bucklin in Ford county will be the next line. The route from Medicine Lodge east has not yet been made public and it probably has not yet been planned. There is a rumor that the company will buy the Santa Fe branch between Medicine Lodge and build from there direct to Anthony. Another proposed route is a direct line to Hazelton and from there to Anthony, while still another contemplates going by way of Kiowa.

Barber county people are hoping that an entire new route will be built whichever direction is ultimately decided upon. The purchase of the Santa Fe branch at this point would leave Medicine Lodge with still only one road. Our people have been hoping for many years for at least one more road and now as it is so near they would feel the disappointment keenly.

SHARON ADVOCATE WILL MOVE.

W. H. Watkins announces that he will soon move his printing plant from Sharon to Ringwood, Oklahoma, and consolidate it with the Leader of that place which he purchased. He expects to close up his business affairs at Sharon within two weeks or a month at the outside. Mr. Watkins has been publishing a paper at Sharon a little over a year, and while the venture was not a positive failure, Mr. Watkins experienced a goodly number of adversities incident to publishing a paper in a country town. The Index hopes that he will meet with abundant prosperity in his new location.

A CO-OPERATIVE DAIRY FARM.

EDS INDEX: When I was talking with you a week ago concerning the dairy industry and a dairy farm I had no idea that it would result in a newspaper article but it was quite a "pull" just the same.

Seriously, I would like to interest about twenty farmers, business men or any one else in a proposition to buy and equip a first-class Dairy Farm on the co-operative plan. A capital stock of \$20,000 would be ample. I would agree to subscribe \$1000 myself and would be willing to guarantee at least 10 per cent on the investment or forfeit a year's wages as manager, should I be selected as such. Or I would be willing to make the same contract with a private individual or ranch owner provided the Dairy Farm is properly equipped.

While I am a thorough co-operator and believe in it with all my heart, yet I realize how slow the average person in this community is to grasp it or put money in a co-operative proposition. I believe a Dairy Farm right here in Barber county managed on the co-operative plan would pay better than a bank or any other local investment. Yours truly,

E. E. BLAND.

I have a J. I. Case 12-horse engine and 32-54 separator with blower, in good running order for sale cheap. F. P. Hewitt, Nashville, Ks.

COMMENCED BUSINESS.

The New Medicine Lodge Bank Opened For Business on Monday, May 2nd.

On Monday, May 2nd, The Peoples State Bank, the new bank in Medicine Lodge, opened for business.

It is the purpose of this bank to do a general banking business and to be as liberal in its dealings with the public, as is consistent with safe banking and the laws governing state banks will permit.

We believe there is business in Barber county for another bank in Medicine Lodge, and the promoters of the Peoples State Bank have only the kindest words to say of the banks already established.

We are able to handle loans of any amount. The man who only needs a few dollars will receive the same attention as the man who wants several thousand dollars.

We invite all classes—business men, farmers, stockmen and laboring men—to make their deposits with us with the assurance of all the safeguards guaranteed to the depositors of any bank.

All the officers and stockholders of the Peoples State Bank are citizens known throughout Barber county and who have been identified with the interests of the county for years. They are all property owners whose prosperity depends on the prosperity at large. F. B. Chapin, the president, has been county treasurer of Barber county for five years. E. S. Rule, vice-president, is the present county treasurer. W. L. Cushman, cashier, is a son of Dr. J. T. Cushman, one of the stockholders and directors.

We invite you to give us a share of your banking business, and will promise you at all times the most courteous and considerate treatment.

Open an account with us.

Respectfully,
W. L. Cushman
J. T. Cushman
John W. Blunk
G. F. Guthrie
J. N. Tinscher
John Young
Jas. McGuire
Lela J. Lorton
F. B. Chapin
E. S. Rule
Wm. Rule
O. Mills

Stockholders of The Peoples State Bank.

HE WANTS HELP.

Ed Rouse, who used to live in Eagle township but made the mistake of his life by moving to Canada, is in bad shape financially. Recently he wrote a letter to H. T. Woodward of this city asking him to raise funds by soliciting aid from his Barber county friends. Ed seems to be stranded on a Canadian iceberg sixty miles from a railroad without either money or health. He wants the assistance he asks, for the purpose of putting in a crop. Mr. Woodward tried to do something for him but met with little success. Everybody seemed to think that Mr. Rouse should come back to Barber county if he wants Barber county people to assist him. The only people who left Barber county for Canada who are getting along at all are Geo. Mawson, Geo. Kelbaugh and the Wilson brothers. Their success is in stock. The man who goes to Canada for the purpose of farming is simply up against it and the quicker he takes the back track the better he is off financially as well as physically.

Big stock of Noyes & Norman shoes at Woodward & Son's. Best on the market. New in style and superior in quality.

The Coats Lumber and Supply Co.

COATS, KANSAS,

owing to the recent decline in prices, desires to give the people of the southwest the benefit, and we wish to quote a few prices, to show you we are selling lumber within the reach of all.

Note these Prices:

No. 1 Dimension.....	\$18.60 per M
No. 1 Drop Siding.....	\$23.00 per M
No. 1 Stock Boards.....	\$21.00 per M
No. 1x6 Flooring.....	\$20.00 per M
Star 1x4 Flooring.....	\$22.00 per M
No. 1 Shiplap.....	\$21.50 per M
Extra *A* Shingles.....	\$ 2.90 per M
Cypress Lath.....	\$ 5.00 per M

This is all fine lumber, and comes from one of the best yellow pine mills in the south, and we have a large stock on hand, and a train load in transit, and all of our other prices are in proportion to these. You will have to hurry for these prices will not be with you always.

Cut this out and bring it with you.

AND STILL THEY COME. YOUNG LADY SUICIDES.

Another North and South Railroad to be Built Through Barber County.

The Kansas City Journal of March 29th has the following special from Topeka:

"The Great Bend Southern Railway Company, of Great Bend, with \$25,000 capital was chartered today. The company proposes to build a road from Great Bend direct south to Medicine Lodge. This line will run through the counties of Barton, Stafford, Pratt and Barber, and will hit the towns of Great Bend, St. John, Pratt and Medicine Lodge. The object of the incorporators is to get a north and south road through the Kansas wheat belt to connect with roads to the Gulf."

The incorporators are John Crocker, Marva, Ill., A. A. Patterson and Samuel Kelley, Bar Harbor, Me., W. H. Moraine and N. W. Gifford, Chicago; J. G. Brinkman, F. V. Russell and R. S. Russell, Great Bend.

A route of this kind would be as valuable to this section of the country as the D. K. & A. which is now well under way, and the two combined will make our railroad service excellent. Let the good work go on.

DISTRICT COURT NEXT MONDAY.

The May term of district court of Barber county will convene next Monday, May 9th. There are only three criminal cases and fifty-one civil cases on the docket. The criminal cases are State vs. Chas. F. Jesse, disturbing the peace; State vs. Frank Moon, cattle stealing; State vs. Frank H. Konigen, grand larceny.

The heaviest cases on the civil docket are the Brownback Aetna imbroglio and the Rudolph vs. the Santa Fe damage suit.

M. C. Rule of Cawker City, Mo., arrived last week on a visit with his brother, County Treasurer E. B. Rule.

Col. Leander Watkins (as the Woods county papers call him) of Cleo Ok., visited his brother, W. S., and family here last week.

Nora Gregory of Sun City Ends Her Life With a Shot-Gun.

On Monday morning Miss Nora Gregory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Gregory, who reside on Turkey Creek north of Sun City, ended her life by shooting herself in the head with a shot-gun. Death was instantaneous. She had been at home by herself. Her parents had gone to a neighbor's house, and they found her dead on their return.

The cause of the tragedy is not a matter of publicity but the best authority indicates a case of temporary insanity. It was rumored that her despondency was on account of a disappointment in love affairs but this is denied by those who seem to be qualified to speak.

Miss Gregory was 17 years of age and highly respected by those who knew her. Her parents and friends are horror stricken and a cloud of grief enshrouds the community as a result of the tragedy.

ANOTHER GREAT RAIN.

From Friday night until Sunday night there was a continuous, gentle and steady rainfall all over Kansas and Oklahoma. It was as nice precipitation as anyone could wish for and crop and climatic conditions are simply immense as a result. Anyone who could find fault with this country at this time would be dissatisfied in paradise.

EYES AND EARS.

If your eyes look red, are sensitive to light, feel sore as if strained or as if there was something in them, come to Dr. Kociell and get cured. If your ears discharge an offensive matter and nothing helps, come to Dr. Kociell and get cured.